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SUBJECT: EVIDENCE OF CITIZENSHIP FOR U.S. MILITARY
PERSONNEL

1. DEPARTMENT UNABLE TO COMPLY WITH CONGEN'S REQUEST TO
USE SERVICE RECORD EXTRACTS AS ACCEPTABLE EVIDENCE OF
CITIZENSHIP FOR U.S. MILITARY ENLISTED MEN, WARRANT AND
RESERVE OFFICERS.

2. EXTRACTS ARE ACCEPTABLE ONLY FOR REGULAR OFFICERS.
THIS IS DUE TO THE FACT THAT APPLICABLE SECTIONS OF THE
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UNITED STATES CODE REQUIRE THAT ALL OFFICERS OF GRADE 0-1
(2ND LIEUTENANT, ENSIGN) AND ABOVE BE U.S. CITIZENS IN
ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR A REGULAR COMMISSION. NOTE THAT EVEN
IN THESE INSTANCES, DEPARTMENT ACCEPTS EXTRACT ONLY IF
OFFICER CLAIMS BIRTH IN THE UNITED STATES.

3. THERE IS NO UNIFORM REQUIREMENT OF LAW THAT ALL

ENLISTED PERSONNEL, OR WARRANT OR RESERVE OFFICERS BE U.S. CITIZENS AS A QUALIFICATION FOR THEIR APPOINTMENTS. FOR THIS REASON, THERE IS NO BASIS FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO WAIVE THE REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR EVIDENCE OF CITIZENSHIP AS IS DONE WITH REGULAR OFFICERS.

4. IN ADDITION, THERE HAS BEEN A RECENT INCREASE IN THE USE OF FRAUDULENT BIRTH EVIDENCE BY ENLISTED PERSONNEL TO APPLY FOR PASSPORTS. THIS SAME EVIDENCE WAS ACCEPTED BY THE MILITARY IN NOTING PLACE OF BIRTH ON THE SERVICE RECORD WITH THIS AS BACKGROUND, THIS WOULD NOT BE AN APPROPRIATE TIME TO CONSIDER LIBERALIZING THE EVIDENCE REQUIREMENT.

5. THE DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES THE FACT THAT THE ABOVE POLICIES RESULT IN PUBLIC RELATIONS PROBLEMS AND SOME EFFORT WHICH WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY IF THE POLICY WERE LESS STRICT. HOWEVER, THE ONLY WAY OPEN TO THE DEPARTMENT TOWARD HAVING A UNIFORM POLICY WOULD BE TO ELIMINATE THE WAIVER FOR REGULAR OFFICERS. THAT DOES NOT SEEM TO BE WARRANTED UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

6. CONGEN'S INITIATIVE IN BRINGING THIS UP FOR CONSIDERATION IS APPRECIATED. VANCE

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